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**Applicants:** Akihiko Okubora  
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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action of August 23, 2006 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.